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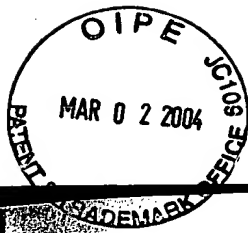
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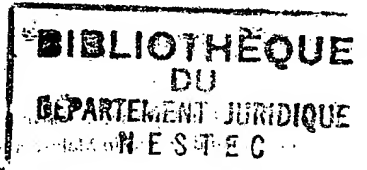
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and closes at a variable speed.  
verb (shuttered, shuttering)  
1 a shutter or shutters. — put  
p trading; for the day or per-

the device carrying the hor-  
wards and forwards between  
2 the device carrying the  
p formed by the upper in a  
train, or bus running a fire  
laces, usually at a relatively  
her. — verb trans. intrans.  
travel back and forth. [from

athers or of feathered plas-  
on its narrow end, hit back

shier, shiest) 1 said of a per-  
y the company or attention  
id: 3 (shy of something)  
log. short in payment by  
verb intrans. (shies, shied)  
ck, startled. 2 (usually shy  
showing reluctance, shied  
noun (pl. shies) an ac-  
geon, timid)

ed, retiring, diffident, coy  
est, self-effacing. 2 timid  
uspicious of, distrustful of  
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row (eg a stone). — noun  
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pecially coconuts.

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d which the fundamen-  
s, electric current, tem-  
id amount of substance  
the metre, second, kilo-  
and mole. [from French

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**sic** /sɪk/ *adv.* a term used in brackets after a word or phrase  
in a quotation that appears to be a mistake, to indicate that  
it is in fact quoted accurately. [from Latin *sic*, thus, so]

**sick** — *adj.* 1 vomiting; feeling the desire to vomit. 2 ill; un-  
well. 3 relating to ill health: *sick pay*. 4 extremely annoyed;  
disgusted. 5 mentally deranged. 6 (sick of someone or  
something) thoroughly weary or fed up with them: *7 said  
of humour exploiting subjects like death and disease in an  
unpleasant way. 8 colloq. very inadequate in comparison:  
makes my effort look a bit sick.* — *noun colloq.* vomit. —  
verb trans. intrans. (usually sick something up) to vomit.  
[from Anglo-Saxon *seoc*]

■ *adj.* 1 vomiting, queasy, bilious, seasick, airsick. 2 ill,  
unwell, indisposed, laid up, poorly, ailing, sickly, colloq.  
under the weather, weak, feeble. 4 disgusted, annoyed,  
angry, enraged. 6 colloq. fed up with, tired of, weary of,  
bored with.

■ *adj.* 2 well, healthy.

**sick bay** a room where ill or injured people are treated, eg  
in a place of work.

**sick building syndrome** *Medicine* a disorder first diag-  
nosed among office workers in the 1980s, typical symp-  
toms including headache, fatigue, and sore throat. It is  
thought to be caused by inadequate ventilation or air-  
conditioning.

**sicken** *verb* (sickened, sickening) 1 to cause to feel like  
vomiting. 2 to annoy greatly or disgust. 3 intrans. (sicken  
for something) to show symptoms of an illness: *sickening  
for the flu*.

■ 1 nauseate, revolt. 2 disgust, repel, annoy, anger, enrage.  
■ 2 delight, attract.

**sickening** *adj.* that sickens.

■ nauseating, revolting, disgusting, offensive, distasteful,  
annoying, infuriating.

■ delightful, pleasing, attractive.

**sickle** *noun* a tool with a short handle and a curved blade  
for cutting grain crops with a sweeping action. [from  
Anglo-Saxon *sico*]

**sick leave** time taken off because of sickness.

**sickle-cell anaemia** *Medicine* an incurable hereditary  
blood disorder, common in African peoples, in which the  
red blood cells contain an abnormal type of haemoglobin.  
As a result, the cells become sickle-shaped and very fra-  
gile, and their rapid removal from the circulation leads to  
anaemia.

**sickly** — *adj.* (sicklier, sickliest) 1 susceptible to illness; of-  
ten ill. 2 of or suggesting illness. 3 inducing the desire to  
vomit: *a sickly smell*. 4 unhealthy-looking: *a sickly plant*.  
5 weakly and contemptibly sentimental. — *adv.* to an ex-  
tent that suggests illness: *sickly pale*.

■ *adj.* 1 unhealthy, ailing, infirm, delicate, weak, feeble, frail.

3 nauseating, revolting. 4 wan, pallid. 5 cloying, mawkish.

■ *adj.* 1 healthy, robust, sturdy, strong.

**sickness** *noun* 1 an illness; ill-health. 2 vomiting. 3 nau-  
sea.

■ 1 illness, disease, ailment, complaint, ill-health, indis-  
position, infirmity. 3 nausea, queasiness, biliousness.  
■ 1 health.

**sick verse** a modern term used to describe a type of poet-  
ry (from any period) that is macabre, satirical, or unset-  
tlingly humorous and whose themes are misfortune,  
death, disease, decay, cruelty, mental illness, etc.

**side** — *noun* 1 any of the usually flat or flattish surfaces  
that form the outer extent of something; any of these sur-

faces other than the top and bottom; or other than the  
front, back, top, and bottom. 2 an edge or border, or the  
area adjoining this: *at the side of the road*. 3 either of the  
parts or areas produced when the whole is divided up the  
middle: *the right side of your body*. 4 either of the broad sur-  
faces of a flat or flattish object: *two sides of a coin*. 5 any of  
the lines forming a geometric figure. 6 any of the groups or  
teams, or opposing positions, in a conflict or competition.  
7 an aspect: *saw a different side to him*. 8 the slope of a hill.  
9 the part of the body between armpit and hip. 10 a part of  
an area of land; district: *the north side of the town*. 11  
father's or mother's family or ancestors: *related to him on  
her mother's side*. 12 Brit. colloq. television channel: *on the  
other side*. 13 slang a pretentious or superior air: *to put on  
side*. — *adj.* 1 located at the side: *side entrance*. 2 subsidi-  
ary or subordinate: *side road*. — *verb intrans.* (side with  
someone) to adopt their position or point of view, to join  
forces with them. — *let the side down* to disappoint one's  
own group, or frustrate its efforts, by falling below the  
standards set by its other members. *on or to one side* in  
or to a position removed from the main concern, aside.  
*on the side* as a secondary job or source of income, often  
dishonestly or illegally. *on the ... side colloq.* rather ... of a  
... nature: *found his comments a bit on the offensive side*.  
**side by side** 1 close together. 2 with sides touching. **take  
sides** to support one particular side in a conflict or argu-  
ment. [from Anglo-Saxon *side*]

■ *noun* 1 face, facet, surface. 2 edge, margin, fringe, bor-  
der, boundary, limit, verge, brink, bank, shore, flank, wing,  
hand. 6 team, party, faction, camp, cause, interest.

7 aspect, angle, slant, standpoint, viewpoint, view.

10 district, quarter, area, region. *adj.* 1 lateral, flanking.

2 secondary, subsidiary, subordinate, lesser, minor,  
incidental, indirect. *verb* agree with, join forces with,  
team up with, support, favour.

**sideboard** *noun* 1 a large piece of furniture consisting of  
shelves or cabinets mounted above drawers or cupboards.  
2 a sideburn.

**sideburn** *noun* the line of short hair growing down in  
front of each of a man's ears.

**sidecar** *noun* a small carriage for one or two passengers,  
fixed to the side of a motorcycle.

**side effect** an additional unexpected (usually undesir-  
able) effect, especially of a drug.

**sidekick** *noun colloq.* a close friend, partner, or deputy.

**sidelight** *noun* 1 a small light fitted on each outside edge  
of the front and rear of a motor vehicle, used in fading day-  
light. 2 a light on each side of a moving boat or ship, one  
red, one green. 3 light coming from the side.

**sideline** *noun* 1 a line marking either side boundary of a  
sports pitch. 2 (sidelines) the areas just outside these  
boundaries; the area to which non-participants in any ac-  
tivity are confined. 3 a business, etc. carried on in addition  
to regular work.

**sidelong** *adj.*, *adv.* from or to one side; not direct or di-  
rectly: *a sidelong glance*.

**sidereal** /saɪˈdriəl/ *adj.* formal of, relating to, or  
determined by the stars: *sidereal year*. [from Latin *sidus*,  
star]

**siderite** /ˈsɪdəraɪt/ *noun* *Geol.* a brown, grey, greenish, or  
yellowish mineral form of ferrous carbonate (FeCO<sub>3</sub>) that  
occurs in sedimentary deposits, hydrothermal veins (veins  
formed from magma containing a high proportion of hot  
water), and some metamorphic rocks. It is an important  
ore of iron. [from Greek *sideros*, iron]

**side-saddle** — *noun* a horse's saddle enabling a woman  
in a skirt to sit with both legs on the same side. — *adv.* sit-  
ting in this way.

**sideshow** *noun* a stall with some form of amusement or  
game at a fair, beside a circus, etc.

**sidespin** *noun* a spinning motion imparted to a struck  
ball that causes it to rotate about its vertical axis while  
going forward. See also BACKSPIN, TOPSPIN.